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Applicant: Swayze et al. : Paper No:
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For: SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT INCORPORATING A MULTISTROKE
FIRING POSITION INDICATOR AND RETRACTION MECHANISM

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Confirmation No. 4522

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated September 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.